

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 8 has been canceled; claim 1 has been amended; and claim 13 has been added. No new matter has been added.

§102 Rejection of Claims 1-5 and 9

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jiang *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,353; hereinafter referred to as “Jiang”). Claim 1 has been amended to address the rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of claim 8. Therefore, claim 1 should be allowable over Jiang. Since claims 2-5 and 9 depend from claim 1, claims 2-5 and 9 should also be allowable over Jiang.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner’s rejection of claims 1-5 and 9 based upon 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§ 103 Rejection of Claims 6-7 and 10-12

In Section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 6-7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jiang in view of Chou *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,797,123; hereinafter referred to as “Chou”).

Since claim 1 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of claim 8, claim 1 should be allowable over the combination of Jiang and Chou. Further, since claims 6-7 and 10-12 depend from claim 1, it is submitted that claims 6-7 and 10-12 should also be allowable over Jiang and Chou.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 6-7 and 10-12 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter of Claim 8

It is appreciatively noted that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Newly-added Claim 13

In Section 7 of the Office Action, it is indicated that neither Jiang nor Chou teach the method for producing low-complexity grammar from conventional recognition grammar by the method described in claim 8. Therefore, claim 13, which includes all the limitations of claim 8 should be allowable over the cited prior art references.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-13 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over

the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

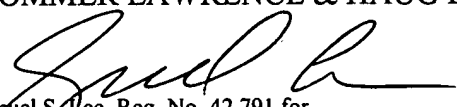
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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